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SUBJECT: HUMMEL TESTIMONY BEFORE HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL TESTIFIED SEPTEMBER 28 IN OPEN SESSION BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF HIRC ON SITUATION AND U.S. POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE ONLY SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF INDONESIA CAME AT END OF TESTIMONY AND LARGEMLY CONCENTRATED ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CURRENT INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN INDONESIA. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON TIMOR. ONLY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON (D, IND.) WAS PRESENT DURING INDONESIAN EXCHANGES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM HAMILTON ON THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS HUMMEL GAVE FIGURE OF LESS THAN 35,000, NOTED THEY WERE BEING HELD FOR COMPLICITY IN THE COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED COUP OF 1965, AND SAID GOI HAD RELEASED SOME THOUSANDS. HUMMEL STATED USG HAD MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO INDONESIA ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE BUT, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER INDONESIA WAS "MOVING FAST ENOUGH", HUMMEL INDICATED NO. ASKED WHETHER WE HAVE LINKED AID LEVELS TO HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMMEL RESPONDED THAT SUCH LINKAGE

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WAS IMPLICIT IN THE FACT WE HAVE BROUGHT THE RELEVANT

LEGISLATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOI.

3. WITH REGARD TO INVESTMENT CLIMATE, HUMMEL SAID IT WAS GOOD BUT WENT ON TO DESCRIBE SOME OF THE CONCERNS OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN INDONESIA. HE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. INVESTORS WERE NOT PULLING OUT OF INDONESIA.

4. QUERIED ON REPORTS OF MISMANAGEMENT AND CORRUPTION IN THE INDONESIAN OIL INDUSTRY, HUMMEL CONFIRMED PERTAMINA HAD BEEN MISMANAGED AND SAID CORRUPTION WAS BEING INVESTIGATED BUT ADDED THAT GOI HAD PUT PERTAMINA ON A NEW AND RATIONAL BASIS.

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